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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFBUS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. BASSON, Esq. AD. ANDER, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq. H. B. BELLING, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK. ED. TOBIN, Esq.

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#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

##### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

#### TUESDAY,

the 27th day of February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

#### VALUABLE

DRAMATIC LIBRARY, COMPRISING: Scarce Reprints of the Old English Dramatists.

The First Folio Edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works, with the rare Portrait of Fletcher by Marshall, 1679. Fac Simile of the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works, 1623. First Complete Edition of Ben Jonson's Works, Engraved Frontispiece, by Hole, 2 Vols. Small Folio, 1640.

D'Avenant's Dramatic Works, Brilliant Impression of the Excessively Rare Portrait by Faithorne, Small Folio, 1673.

Suckling's Fragments Aurea, Engraved Portrait by Marshall, 1646.

An Uncut Copy of Shirley's Works, 6 Vols., 1833, very rare.

An Uncut Copy of Middleton's Works, 5 Vols., 1840, very rare.

A Few Early Quarto Plays, &c., &c., &c., the whole in Fine Condition, and many of the utmost rarity.

#### Also,

A Collection of Miscellaneous Works, including a Complete Set of the Original Editions of Dickens's Christmas Works, 5 Vols., 1843, very rare.

Kay's Edinburgh Portraits, 4 Vols. An Early English Prayer Book, in Tortoise-Shell and Silver Binding, &c., &c., &c.

#### AFTER WHICH

An Invoice of Saratoga Trunks, Lady's and Gentlemen's Traveling Bags, Satchels, &c., &c., &c.

An Invoice of Plated-ware, consisting of: Ice Pitches, Various Patterns, Custers, Butters, Pickle Stands, and Oak Dining-room Chairs, Cane Back Office Chairs, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 21, 1877. 1627

## Auctions.

SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Stables, Government House, on

#### TUESDAY,

the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m.,—

The following HORSES and CARRIAGES, &c., the Property of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c.

A Bay Australian Horse, *Kalamarang*, Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness.

A Black Australian Horse, *The Shark*, 5 years old, Carries a Lady.

A London-built Victoria with Pole, Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole, and Fitted for Shafts.

A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness. The above may be viewed at Government House Stables, till the time of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. 1627

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. Geo. Dods, to sell by Public Auction, on

#### FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whitlock and Finlay of Edinburgh; Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wines, &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.

A SEWING MACHINE for Hand or Foot, by Singer.

A JARDINIERE, by Motzla of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Black-wood.

#### And,

One Parlor BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.

At 3 p.m., by order of Sir John Smale.

One Four Wheel CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Davis, Long Acre, London, Builder, with Double Harness.

One Four Wheel BASKET CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Arlot & Co., Paris, Builders, with Double Harness.

And,

1 Gentleman's SADDLE Complete, 1 Lady's SADDLE do.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after THURSDAY, the 1st March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1625

## Intimations.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixteenth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. 1625

### HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. 1624

## Intimations.

### MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

### ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

### POMMERY & GRENOS

### "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. 1625

### THE MEDICAL HALL,

27, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. 1628

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. 1617

## NOTICE.

### PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, we have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port. Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 19, Praya Central.

Mr. G. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelopes the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. 1626

### SPANISH CONSULATE.

TENDERS for the Construction of SEVEN BOATS for the Spanish Men-of-war will be RECEIVED at this Office until Noon of the 4th day of March next.

Conditions, Plans, &c., are exposed at the same for the information of persons wishing to make proposals.

A. FARAUO, Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, February 22, 1877. 1624

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs Russell & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. 1621

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FRITZ LANGEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. 161

### NOTICE.

MR. J. F. CORDER'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. 161

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. 162

### NOTICE.

THE Authority given Mr. ALFRED HERTZ to sign our Firm by Procuration has been withdrawn.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

## For Sale.

### SAYLE & Co.

#### GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES', BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VALUABLE REMAINANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

### SAYLE & Co.

#### VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

## FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

## FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874. HENDSIECK & Co., MONOPOLE. DEETJEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1619

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 302.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MATR. Office.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship "GADSHILL," Captain RANTON, shortly expected from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 29, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1.1. Russian Ship "VANADIS," WELAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1 American Ship "MONTEAR," W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

#### FOR NEW-YORK.

The 12 years 3/3 L. 1.1. Danish Bark "KORSOR," L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

#### FOR LONDON.

A 1 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA," BLAHER, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

#### FOR HAMBURG.

The 4 1 German Barque "ALBATROSS," KOPPELMANN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

#### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE," Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

## Notices to Consignees.

### NOTICE.

THE BRITISH SHIP TYBURNIA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### S. S. ANADYR.

### NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 9th Instant, at 6 p.m., requesting it to be landed here



## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI &amp; TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "LEONOR," Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "STATE OF LOUISIANA" will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain Burnie, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at SOMERSET, COCKTOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN and KEPPEL BAY, to land Mails and Passengers.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship "BRISBANE," Captain Balfour, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "BUTUAN" will be despatched for the above Port at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 2nd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to H. KIER & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "HESPERIA," Captain Johansen, shortly expected from Hamburg, London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to W. M. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

The S. S. *Gadshill*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under- signed into their Godowns, whence and for the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be sent on to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## PUBLICATION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## THURSDAY,

the 1st March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., an Invoice of JAPANESE WARE, comprising: Inlaid Cabinets, Brasses, Ivory Carvings, Buttons, Necklaces, Earrings, Glove and Fancy Boxes in Lacquer and Tortoise-shell Ware, Napkin Rings, Pictures, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## PUBLICATION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## THURSDAY,

the 1st day of March, 1877, at No. 13, Queen's Road Central (Change of Residence), at 2 p.m.:

Portion of the Household FURNITURE, as Damask-covered Sofas and Chairs, Marble-top Side and Centre Tables, Fine Oil Paintings, China and Japanese Vases and Curios, Handsome Pier Glasses, Curtains, Carpeting, Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboard, 8, 4, 4, and 8 Burner Gasaliers, Marble-top Toilet Tables and Glasses, Washstands, Cheval Glass, Wardrobes, &c., &c., &c.

A Semi-grand PIANO, by Collard & Collard, in perfect order.

A Small BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, etc., complete.

A DOG CART, with Pony Harness, An American-made BUGGY, See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer, Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet on the East side thereof on Peel Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, on the West side thereof on Slavey Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1317 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storied TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15 56. TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers, Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. KIER to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road,

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

SPAN or CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Larraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

AUDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Kozario & Co.

TRUBIA, British ship, Captain Robt. Golden.—Meyer & Co.

FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schweer.—Melchers & Co.

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 24, *Gadshill*, British steamer, 1240, Jas. Ranton, London Jan. 6, via Ports of Call and Singapore Feb. 14, General.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Brisbane*, British steamer, 1700, R. Balfour, Sydney Jan. 31, Cocktown Feb. 18, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Annie S. Hall*, American 8-m. schooner, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 29, Coal.—DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.

Feb. 25, *Fuyue*, Chinese steamer, 920, A. Croad, Shanghai Feb. 21, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Feb. 25, *Norma*, British steamer, 608, A. G. Walker, Swatow Feb. 24, General.—KWOK AOHKONG.

Feb. 25, *Tehing Teing*, Chinese gunboat, 150, Beasard, from Canton.

Feb. 25, *Gunga*, French steamer, 707, Garcean, Saigon Feb. 18, Rice.—Order.

Feb. 25, *Formosa*, German 3-m. schooner, 282, Schweer, Klong Feb. 20, Coal.—MELCHERS & Co.

Feb. 25, *E. J.*, British gunboat, 484, John Bruce, Foochow Feb. 23.

Feb. 25, *Sunbeam*, Royal yacht squadron, 565, Mr Thomas Brassy, M.P., Simonese Feb. 19.

Feb. 26, *Tientsin*, British steamer, 682, Deville, Saigon Feb. 20, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Feb. 26, *Zambesi*, British steamer, 1842, A. Symons, Shanghai Feb. 23, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 26, *Frangola I.*, French steamer, 2000, Lecacheur, Saigon Feb. 18, Rice.—TURNER & Co.

Feb. 26, *State of Louisiana*, British ship, 1218, D. H. Johnston, London Jan. 5, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 18, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 26, *Chento*, for Canton.

Feb. 26, *Penedo*, for Saigon.

Feb. 26, *Fuyue*, for Canton.

Feb. 26, *Amoy*, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

Feb. 26, *A. T. Sta. knight*, for Bangkok.

Feb. 26, *Fai Teh*, for Shanghai.

Feb. 26, *Nautilus*, Ger. g-b., for Klongchow.

## CLEARED.

Leonor, for Swatow, &c.

Norma, for Swatow.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Zambesi, from Shanghai; for Hongkong, Messrs R. Francis, G. Detring and servant, T. H. Herbert, E. Simmons, and 6 Chinese; for Singapore, Mr. Thos. Jones; for Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wake, and family, and Mr. T. Jones.

Per *Brisbane*, from Sydney, &c., Mr. McLellan, and 78 Chinese, and 6 Officers and 64 men of the S. S. *Singapore*.

Per *Fuyue*, from Shanghai, Capt. Jackson and 40 Chinese.

Per *Sunbeam*, from Simonese, Mrs. Brassy, and 3 children, Hon. A. G. Bingham, Mr. Freer, and Dr. Potter.

Per *State of Louisiana*, from Singapore, &c., Miss Kay, and 42 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, from Swatow, 120 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Killamey*, for Cocktown, 792 Chinese.

Per *Fai Teh*, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.

Per *Leonor*, for Swatow, &c., 10 Cabin, and 100 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Gadshill* reports: In the English Channel had strong westerly winds from Singapore to port strong N.E. winds and high sea.

The Chinese steamer *Fuyue* reports: Light S.W. winds and calms to Lamocks, thence fresh N.E. winds to port.

The British steamer *Norma* reports: Strong N.E. gales and high sea with thick cloudy weather.

The French steamer *Gunga* reports: First part of passage strong N.E. winds and heavy sea, latter part fine weather.

The German 3-masted schooner *Formosa* reports: First part of passage calms and light winds, latter part moderate monsoon and foggy weather.

The British gunboat *Fly* reports: N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Tientsin* reports: Experienced strong N.E. monsoon and heavy head sea to Cape Padaran, light variable winds thence to Paracels fresh N.E. wind and heavy head sea the rest of the passage.

The British steamer *Zambesi* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Brisbane* reports: Left Sydney at 4.15 p.m. on the 31st ult., and Cocktown at 8.30 a.m. on the 11th inst. Passed the S. S. *Mecca* off the Banda Islands on the 17th. Passed through Manipa Straits early on the morning of the 18th, and arrived at this port at 8.30 a.m. on 24th. Experienced fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *State of Louisiana* reports: Left London on the 5th Jan., experienced very heavy weather across the Bay of Biscay, afterwards the weather was moderate. Arrived at Port Said on the 20th Jan., cleared the Canal on the 23rd, had Northerly winds down the Red Sea with a great deal of rain. Fine weather from thence to Singapore, arriving on the 10th February. Left on the 18th, had very strong monsoons up the China Sea and very heavy sea.

The American barquentine *Annie S. Hall* reports: First ten days out had light winds N. to N.N.E. and a strong S.W. current which carried us to lat. 35.40 S. long. 168 E., from there experienced light S.W. winds to lat. 5 S. long. 182.10 E., off Lord Howe's Group Solomon Islands from there experienced N.W. winds to lat. 8.10 N. long. 167 E. Crossed the Equator Jan. 30 long. 166.10, same day spoke the barkentine *Elise* of Hamburg, from Caroline Islands towards the Radick Islands, had no S.E. trades got the N.E. trades in lat. 3.10 N., took what is termed the middle passage between New Caledonia and the Bellona Reefs and between Santa Luz and Caroline Islands to the eastward of Oulan Island.

Night of the 10th instant passed through between Saipan and Farolons de Medallina Mariana Islands, morning of the 2nd, came through the Bashee Channel Feb. 22, spoke the barkentine *Christian*, from Hongkong bound to Tientsin in lat. 22.36 long. 118.27, all well, wished to be reported.

Night of the 18th instant was struck with heavy squall from the N.W. blew away jib main and middle staysails. Had the winds very light and baffling all round the compass from Bashee Channel until off the Breaker Point when had thick and foggy weather. From Breaker Point had strong breeze and high sea with thick gloomy weather. At 10 p.m. 24th instant hove to off Lyseum Pass, could not make out the light came in by Lama Channel.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, — Per *NORMA*, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For KIANGCHOW, — Per H.I.C.M.S. *FBI HUO*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SAIGON, — Per *SWATOW*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst., instead of as previously notified.

Per *PLINTSHIRE*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SHANGHAI, — Per *STATE OF LOUISIANA*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

For HAIPHONG, — Per *BARQUE BERTHA*, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

For MANILA, — Per *BUTUAN*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

MAILS by the FORBES STRAITS PACKET. — The Australian Contract Packet *BRISBANE*, will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 1st March, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cocktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowyer, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

MAILS by the UNION PACKET. — The English Contract Packet *SAMBER*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 1st March.

MAILS by the UNITED STATES PACKET. — The United States Mail Packet *COCAINIO*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS by the PRINCE PACKET. — The French Contract Packet *TIGRE*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 8th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Marseilles*; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Leonor* leaves for Coast Port. Notice of optional cargo per *State of Louisiana* to be given before Noon.

Goods per *Anadyr* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Valuable Dramatic Library, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

4 p.m.—Sale of Horses and Carriages, &c., at Government House.

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## BIRTH.

At Newchwang, on the 17th January, the Wife of R. M. HOBSON, of a Daughter.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 26, 1877.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are requested to state that the Public Dinner to the Governor will be given at St. Andrew's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The prizes for the Race Meeting will be deliverable at the City Hall on Wednesday, after 10 o'clock.

The American Barque *Nehemiah Gibson* has gone over to the Cosmopolitan Docks to re-cooper.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that Mr J. M. Price, the Surveyor General, has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council.

We are requested to state that the new arrangements under the General Postal Union will come into force on or about the 1st April.

The *Brisbane* papers note that their new Governor (Sir Arthur Kennedy) did not arrive in the *Singapore*, but they looked for his arrival in the *Somerset*. They will not be sorry to hear that Sir Arthur permitted the *Singapore* to leave without him.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 60.5, the minimum 55.0; at the Harbour-Master's Office, the maximum was 68.0, and the minimum 48.0. 0.87 inch of rain fell during the week.

The following vessels were spoken by the *Annie S. Hall*—*Elise* of Hamburg, on Jan. 30, in long. 165.10 E., on the Equator from the Caroline Islands. 8-m. schooner *Christian*, Hongkong to Tientsin, lat. 22.36 N. and long. 118.27 E., all well, wished to be reported.

We note the arrival to-day of Mr Brassy's yacht *Sunbeam*, from Simonese. As we noticed some time back Mr Brassy is in command of the vessel and has his wife and a few friends on board. He is making a tour round the world, and is now homeward bound. The *Sunbeam* is well worth inspection.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, in commenting in the *Pacific Mail* Australian service, asserts that the Company have recently succeeded in passing a bill through Congress which has since received the President's assent, "authorizing them to put the City of San Francisco, City of Sydney, and City of New York on to the Japan and Chinese line."

Our attention has been called to the carelessness with which the natives here treat cases of small-pox. The other day a boy was seen in a Chinese shop near the Cross Roads, who was just recovering from an attack of that disease, and his guardians said to a party of foreigners who were interested, "No fear, no fear, have makes better." Surely something can be done to put a stop to this risky disregard of the plainest sanitary rules.

The *Rachel* arrived at Melbourne from Hongkong on the 27th Jan. On the 28th Jan. the barque *Emeralda* left Newcastle (N.S.W.) for Saigon with 600 tons coal. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 21st inst. says:—"The China clipper *Cutty* is on her way to-day (30th) for Shanghai, and as an instance of her sailing qualities it may be observed that she is one hundred days from the London Docks, and made the last round voyage from Sydney and back via Shanghai and Whampoa in 104 months."

The following telegram reached us by way of Cocktown:

London, Feb. 6.—The definite indication of the courage of the Russian troops in the

## present phase of the Eastern Question is

anxiously awaited throughout Europe.

It is firmly believed that Russia is desirous of reaching from the agreements entered into with the Conference.

The *Osaka*, when speaking at Moscow, stated that Serbia must claim an extension of territory and its complete evacuation by the Turks



on all fitting occasions expressed the obligations of the Government to all those who have so largely contributed to them. In the schools under your special and individual charge, I have full confidence that the young will acquire that knowledge which will be useful here, and lead up to that which is indispensable hereafter. With grateful thanks for the moderation and liberality you have exercised in matters of grave discussion,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very faithful servant,

A. B. KENNEDY.

To the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson,

and others signing the address.

The Members of the Deputation having been invited to resume their seats, His Excellency observed: "This address will be kept by me as an heir-loom, and a very valuable one, from now. I am very glad to see you here, and very sorry that this is the last time I shall in all probability have the pleasure of meeting you as a body, because we shall be taking our departure within a few days. Your school system here has now, I think, taken root, and it will be your own fault and that of the public if it ever becomes uprooted. I am happy to see that the missionaries here, including all denominations, instead of being at variance with public opinion, as I have seen them in some other places, are in perfect accord with it. I think the public sympathies with you, and appreciate the moderation and liberality you have evinced in dealing with educational and other matters. The course you have taken has been a source of great satisfaction to me, and it is not the same in all places where I have been, and where I have had various trials in these matters to contend with. The system inaugurated here, however, has now fairly taken root, and I think the people of this Colony and yourselves, who take such a prominent part in the promotion of education on the island, will be to blame if it ever becomes uprooted. No doubt, it will continue to work well, and I think it stimulates and encourages the teachers as well as those who attend the schools. Although I am leaving the Colony I do not mean to cease my connection with it, because I shall ever take a great and deep interest in everything here, and especially in matters concerning the schools. I have had a very happy and contented time here, so far as my public duties are concerned, and I shall be very sorry to leave you all.

The Rev. R. Lecher said he had to express a hope that His Excellency would take the same kind interest in the Chinese in Queensland that he had evinced in those here. Many Chinese members of the Christian churches in Hongkong, had emigrated to Cooktown and other places in Australia and they had many friends there who were in constant communication with their friends in Hongkong, and they desired to recommend them to the same kind consideration which His Excellency had shown towards the Chinese in this Colony.

His Excellency said he did not think the Chinese would be likely to have any complaints against him. To-morrow a deputation, representing the Chinese community, was coming to Government House to present an address of which they had sent him a copy, and if any of them wished to be present he should be very glad to see them. He did not think the Chinese community had any reason to be dissatisfied with his administration of the Colony; in fact he knew that they were not unfriendly towards him. He was very glad always to help any one who would help themselves. In his own household one circumstance had occurred which was very creditable to the Chinese, and which he would state, as a little set-off to the many complaints one heard of their shortcomings. He was in the habit of New Year's Day of seeing all his servants and making them a small present. On looking over the lists for last and the present year he found that out of the twenty-three servants which he had connected with his house, only two changes had occurred during the twelve months, one of them through death and the other through dismissal. That was a remarkable and creditable fact as regards the Chinese. He did not think there were many European establishments, where there were twenty-three servants employed, that could get along with fewer changes than that. He was so going to take several of them with him. At one period, he recollected, some gentlemen were pleased to think that he had Chinese upon the brain. He had not; but he liked to do justice to a people who ever they might be, whether they were Chinese or Europeans. He had no fault to find with the Chinese; they had acted faithfully and honestly so far as his dealings with them were concerned; they were industrious, and very good subjects in any country if they were legislated for instead of against. There were complaints against them in America, and no wonder. They were treated there as outcasts and aliens, and if they treated them in that manner, they must not be surprised to find them behaving as such. Every morning he had a police report placed before him, and he knew of every crime that was committed and every complaint that was made, and he thought the Chinese had good claims to be considered as an orderly and well-behaved people. They might be looked upon in the same light in San Francisco, if they were treated upon a proper basis. This was not done; they simply made use of them, and those by whom they were employed or looked after were not always of the highest class, and they were not properly treated in all cases. He would wherever he was, endeavour to legislate for rather than against them, and if possible to guide them; they were very easily guided if they only legislated for them. He saw that the emigrant was still increasing; there were 8 or 9 hundred going in one ship alone, to Queensland; but in an enormous territory like that there should be room for them, especially as a great portion of it by reason of its tropical climate never can be cultivated successfully by Europeans, and under these circumstances he thought it was fortunate that they could obtain plenty of labour from China.

Mr. Lecher: Yes, and it is very beneficial to China as well; if the Chinese would keep away from the gold fields, it would be better.

His Excellency: The Chinese are like other people and they will do that which they find most profitable. Doubtless numbers will settle in the country. I recollect that many years ago when I was in Vancouver's Island they came there and to other places in that part and went to the diggings. When, however, the mines were no longer profitable they took to other pursuits and did well. Of course there were not very many of them, but there were enough to give me some idea as to what to expect when I came here, and I was very

glad of the little experience I had had of the Chinese.

Dr. Eitel said that as Agent of the Anti-Slavery Society he desired to call His Excellency's attention to the labour traffic between the South Pacific Islands and Queensland. According to reports there were very grave anomalies and crimes in connection with that traffic, and he was afraid of the representation made that very serious steps would be necessary to regulate it.

His Excellency: The Imperial laws on that subject, Dr. Eitel, are very stringent, and if they are put into force I think no abuses could occur. I cannot tell the date of that law, but it was passed about four years ago, because I know that a predecessor of mine in Queensland, the Marquis of Normanby, was highly praised by the home Government in regard to that subject, and the Imperial Act was passed for the purpose of putting an end to that traffic. I think there can be no doubt that that traffic, that sort, where the men are kidnapped, or anything of that kind, call it what you will, must be illegal. Wherever I find any human creatures either impressed or enslaved, depend upon it you will find me on their side. There is plenty of labour—free labour—and no need of impressing it. The Chinese are probably quite able to supply the demands for labour in the country, and are most suitable men for the work.

The Rev. A. B. Hutchinson said there was one matter which he could not very well include in the address but which he wished to mention, namely, that instead of the fact of their giving a distinctive religious teaching in their schools being an obstacle to the wishes of the Chinese to enter them, they were obliged every year to turn away from the schools a large number of children for whom they could not possibly find room. The children were sent to the school on the distinct understanding that they would be taught Christianity every day, and notwithstanding that they had to turn away twice as many children as were admitted.

His Excellency said that was a very gratifying fact to know. No one could suppose from anything that he had done that he was hostile to Christianity in any way; he only objected to the children being taught that of which parents of the children did not approve. He had no doubt that in time hereafter their schools would draw away large numbers from the public school; at least there will not be so much pressure on it, for I think the Chinese are beginning to attach so much importance to a good English Education that you will find your schools always full even if you have twice the room you have; and I do not think that any of the Chinese think the less of people for being Christian; and a great many of them no doubt, if Christianity were properly brought before them, probably would think better of it than Confucianism; still, I think it is wrong to force anything of this kind upon them—to denationalize them, as it were.

Mr. Hutchinson said, Certainly His Excellency. They must be shown by example and precept what Christianity is. However, what Mr. Hutchinson has stated is a very gratifying fact to know, and I am glad to hear it. I consider the Chinese are capable of judging rightly as well as any other people. They are inclined, I think, to judge of our schools on the same principle as they are aided, viz., by results. If they are treated liberally or unkindly, I think they are fully sensible of it, and I know very well they will appreciate kindness—that I have no doubt whatever—they are fond of money and gain, but that is not peculiar to the Chinese.

The Deputation shortly withdrew.

#### LOSS OF THE S. S. SINGAPORE.

The S. S. *Brisbane* brings further particulars of the loss of the S. S. *Singapore*. The *Singapore* arrived safely at Cooktown from this port on the 29th January, and after landing passengers and mail, proceeded on her voyage on the 31st. Captain Peake relieved the Chief Officer at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, the 2nd February, and ten minutes later altered her course, but at 8 past 4 she struck heavily on an unknown rock half-a-mile to the west of L. Island No. 1. The water made rapidly, and the vessel swinging round listed heavily, and it became evident there was little or no hope of getting her off. Steam was blown off, boats lowered, and passengers and mails landed. Captain Peake was on deck when she struck and had altered the course as an act of caution. During the panic which ensued all on board, passengers as well as crew, behaved remarkably well. The mail bags reached Mackay completely saturated, some of the letters, more especially the Chinese ones, being in a state of pulp. Later news stated that the vessel was a total wreck and had been abandoned. The S. S. *Corra* was signalled shortly after the accident occurred, and carried the news to Cooktown, where the *Brisbane* was telegraphed for to render assistance. The captain and a few of the crew remained by the wreck; the remainder came on to Hongkong by the S. S. *Brisbane*. A boat, containing one European and four sailors, which left the ship it is thought to get to the lee side of the island, was still missing when the *Brisbane* left Cooktown.

The *Cooktown Herald* gives the following particulars:—

Mackay, February 4 8.50 p.m.—The latest accounts from the R. M. S. *Singapore* state that the steamer is nearly totally submerged, and is a perfect wreck.

The steamer has been abandoned, and little or no cargo is to be saved. It appears that Captain Peake relieved his chief officer at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, and ten minutes later altered her course, and five minutes afterwards the ship struck heavily on an unknown rock, half-a-mile to the west of L. Island No. 1.

The water made rapidly, and the ship swinging round, listed heavily, and there is no hope of getting her afloat. The steam was blown off, the boats lowered, and passengers and mails landed.

Captain Peake was on deck when the ship struck, he steered the course taken as an act of caution.

During the panic that ensued after the ship struck, passengers and crew behaved remarkably well.

The mail-bags reached Mackay completely saturated, some of the letters especially Chinese, being in a state of pulp.

On Saturday night it blew a heavy south-east gale off Cape Capricorn and Mackay.

It is doubtful whether the *Brisbane* was signalled to render assistance.

February 5 8 p.m.—The latest news from the L. Island states the *Singapore* to be a total loss, and abandoned.

#### THE LAST "TOWN JOTTING."

By A. "C. B."

[Many of our readers will remember our quondam correspondent the "Curstidee Broker," who seven years ago, amused them with his quaint views of popular topics and unpopular grievances. His last communication appeared in our columns on the 2nd of July, 1870, and his prognostications as to the manner in which the coming Fourth would be celebrated in the Colony proved so unpalatable to the more excitable portion of the American community that he found it convenient to withdraw from the island and bury himself in one of the villages on the mainland beyond the Kowloon ranges. Here he took up his residence among the Chinese children of nature and busied himself in preparing an elaborate work on Chinese wit and humour, showing the possibility of making eleven hundred perfect puns from one character. The readiness with which they may be comprehended and enjoyed by the European reader is proved by the fact that a knowledge of only eight dialects is necessary, dashed with a smattering of Celestial script. Our friend lived very quietly and simply, subsisting—as he quaintly informed a party of friends, who, in the course of a pedestrian tour to Canton, passed through the village where he was domiciled—"on the interest of what he owed." We regret to state that news of his sudden and untimely decease, after a lingering illness of barely four years, was received at this office last week, accompanied by an official envelope bearing the address of this journal. His favorite biographical friend, Obese John, to whom in his former articles he so often referred, was with him at the last and took charge of this package. The only other efforts found after his departure, were, we are informed, an empty Boker, an exhausted tin of A1111 sugar, and a large and choice selection of glass jars in whose recesses were gurgled the fragrant Monongahela. From these relics, we judge that our poor friend was true to the last to his avowed sentiments. The enclosure proved to be a letter addressed to the proprietor of this paper and appears below in *extenso*.]

Feb. 14th, 1877.

My dear old friend—Years, many years have elapsed since last we met, and I fear many more will pass ere we meet again. In this world our paths no longer run parallel, and in the next who can say how much they may diverge. If there be, as may be devoutly wished, a "happy hunting ground" provided for the weary journalist, we may yet imbibe a mutual cocktail in realms where composers cease from troubling and reporters are at rest. Since our old friend Charley left us and sought the fragrant blue gum groves of Gippsland, the *coccythos* has burned very languidly in *parvaneus* have sought distractions in vain. I am old, my boy, fallen into the vale of years and have ceased to feel any interest as to whether school keeps or not. The years I have spent among these simple children of nature, on a moderate diet of one dish of thin congee per day, has etherealized my spirit, and induced me to look with calm indifference upon the vexations and recreations of the children of man. (Who do you think will take the Ladies' Purse this year?) As a clergymen, I have been to the ant for instruction, and I grieve to say on one occasion when my stock of Kinnabau gave out unexpectedly, to the uncle for relief. But though away from and indifferent to you, I have not been in ignorance of you. The papers which have reached me at intervals from the outer world have kept me au fait to the goings on in your Colony, and though on some occasions the temptation to interfere has been strong, it has been successfully resisted. But there are bounds to everything, and one's endurance should not be overtaxed. I learn from a rumour that has been lately wafted hither through the agency of a piece of gossip pedlar that your Governor has been promoted and Pope Hannessey is to reign in his stead. I remember seeing some thing of the kind in a stray number of the *Times* more than a year ago, but the fate of that hapless journal was too much like that of Cassandra for its assertions to carry with them much reliance. I am really sorry for you. I believe Pope to be a thoroughly good fellow and an exceedingly well-meaning man, but I have watched your present Governor's career with much interest and growing favour. You know I was a strong partisan of Sir Richard Macdonnell's and heartily endorsed all his schemes for the public good, believing them to be thoroughly sound and desirable. But I have gradually grown to respect and esteem your present ruler not only for the quality of the measures he has introduced but for the exquisite tact he has displayed in carrying them out and also in carrying with him the whole Colony. "Molasses," says the old proverb, "catches more flies than vinegar," and I am disposed to consider Sir Arthur wisely in this connection. You know more of the game than the players and from this vantage point I have gazed placidly at the doings of your Colony for the past six years. Through the agency of your columns I paid Sir Richard a parting compliment in rhyme (such as it was), and I have hastily concocted a similar sort of a thing as my opinion of the present Governor, which I will forward you by the first post express leaving for Hongkong. You will never probably hear from me again, as I find myself gradually sinking, and soon my only requirements will be three feet east, three feet west, three feet between north and south and five feet or more perpendicular; if I can get hold of it, much land cheap. Should you see any incongruity between this effusion and the paucity on the former chief, remember it was not that I loved Richard less, but Arthur more.

Thine ever,

"C. B."

When Richard left, I watched the local lyre,

And our regret defied in feeble verse,

Weak 'twas it doubtless was and void of fire,

It was my best, thank goodness 'twas no worse.

Since then, the tuneful chords have lain unswayed,

Safe from at least, my sacrilegious hand,

And in the passing years, none more adept

Have risen to pour its music on the land.

But now again the tuneful strains should swell,

Another chief's departure draweth near—

One who has ruled us wisely, ruled us well,

And earned promotion; finds it—but not here.

Since no one else comes to the front to pay

In verse the debt of sympathy expressed,

Poor as my rhymes are—let me say,

As a parting word to speed the parting guest.

I praised Sir Richard for the good he did,  
Nor touched at all on what he failed to do,  
Dilated on his services, nor hid  
One tittle of praise, his own, from public view.

His purposes were good, his weapons bad,  
His style of using luckless past belief;  
One asks, when such success has since been had,  
Why schemes so sound at first should come to grief.

All who have pored o'er *Æsop* must recall  
The caustic fable of the wind and sun,  
Who strove to make the traveller's garment fall,  
One failed with force, the other's softness won.

Our Governors as any men alive  
Were honest and sincere in views and deeds,  
But where stern Richard's harshness failed  
To drive  
Suave Arthur's tact and *savoir faire* succeeds.

He came to us unheralded, unknown,  
And we, unconscious, yielded to his spell;  
His talents won respect, while kindness shown  
To all our people, gained our hearts as well.

He ruled with courtesy, but firmness too,  
The rein was never slackened in his hand,  
And though upon the curb he seldom drew,  
All felt 'twas there, for use, upon demand.

His wisdom in our Council showed space,  
The measures introduced were shrewd and sound;  
All must admit the right man the right place  
Had for a miracle found surely found.

He gave us streets—such we ne'er had before,  
Afforded us facilities to wed,  
And when the Churchmen carped, showed  
Them the door

And bade the prelates their own business heed.  
He fought the Customs blockade, with some wit,  
Reviewed the matter in a proper tone,  
His views were clear—and men of sense admit.

The only sensible ideas yet shown.  
He found us water when our pipes were dry  
And bade Tytan our thirsty steers find  
Gave learning's prizes to our *sai-mun-tai*  
With "words in season," e'en more precious still.

But what endeared him to us 'bove the rest,  
He styled our social customs obsolete,  
Smiling the hydra-headed monster caste  
He smothered him to earth beneath his feet.

He threw his portals open to us all,  
And bade us welcome in his Monarch's name—  
Native or foreign in his social hall  
Were welcomed courteously, alike—the same.

Nor yet unaided brought things to this pass,  
Another rule within that mansion bore:  
One whom all loved and cherished, but alas,  
Who left our circle and passed on before.

With her tomb those gentle virtues urn  
Which to domestic life such radiance lent,  
While her loss our Colony must mourn  
The genial hostess and the kindly friend.

But as the sceptre left her trembling grasp  
A daughter took it from her outstretched hand;  
So gentle was the act, so like the clasp,  
That few discerned another held the wand.

So gracefully on her the duties sit,  
Think will take the Ladies' Purse this year?  
With such success the task was undertaken  
That in the daughter none but must admit  
The virtues of the mother live again.

Will you forget us, Arthur? God forbid.  
Let us within your recollection dwell;  
For a short space, at least, ennobled and  
Those who have loved both you and yours  
Full well.

When away o'er that mighty Southern sphere  
The rule couched by our Queen to thee,  
Bear in remembrance those you governed here,  
This petty islet of the China Sea.

Think of us sometimes! When Australia's sun  
In breathless vacuum hurls its fiery pole,  
Mute on the cooling breeze from Pokkold,  
The ice that forms, sometimes, at Mount-Tin-Lodge.

When the "Brickfielder" pours its scorching blast  
And on its wings destruction bears around  
When Fahrenheit's three figures, rising fast,  
Think! coolness with us means nine cash a-pound.

Think of your old associates! your "first lug,"  
Lengthy of limb and long of head beside,  
Whose plain good sense was strong and strong enough,  
Tho' Punch's chaffing he could not abide.

Of Cecil too, that statesman in outline,  
Length without breadth or thickness, so to speak,  
But in whose mental qualities combine,  
Shrewdness and judgment not unmixed with cheek.

His stout old Lordship, whose loyal, honest heart  
'E'en study of the law could not corrupt—  
His *Puimo* ditto, who has borne his part  
So courteously and well, tho' unscript.

Think of the A. G. who have risen and dove,  
Like Bangu's seed, into the distance dim,  
Ball, Pannecote, Haylar, Bramston, the new crew,  
And our own Jimmy, too, "Bully for him."

Of Charley May whose seal no labor oyle,  
Who wields the baton and the safe-key too,  
Of Freddy who so bravely trains our boys,  
The cream of all the civil service crew.

Of Stewart Malcolm stout of heart and limb;  
And gentle Edmund of the court and kirk,  
Hufan and Lister—Denise, too, think or him  
Should dangers threaten or seditions lurk.

Of Tomlin and his most unhappy charge  
Doomed for their crimes to all a living grave;  
The joy of those who ventured to enlarge  
When at departing Freedom's door you gave.

Of others whom I might detail in bands,  
Good men and true, some better and some worse,  
The "Non-officials" who have stayed your hands  
And with you watched with care the public purse.

The merchant princes whose stately houses  
"see lang"  
Have given wisely counsel to the State;  
The good old bookworm from the Yang-tee-kiang;  
The chief, but solid, Rupert of debate;  
The Bishop and the clergy best in kind  
Who "monger themselves so happily away,  
And hope to make some converts, when they

The proper Chinese phrase for Duty.

Nor let our flower of oratory glide  
From memory's precincts to oblivion drear,  
But write him down there, Dogberry beside:  
Tho' of forgetting him, there's little fear.

Australian Councils many a flower bear  
Whose perfume will recall his peerless mien,  
Full many a Granville wastes his fragrance there  
And if he blushes 'tis, indeed, unseen.

Nor should the Fourth Estate connected be  
With any feelings of dislike or pique.  
The journalistic leaders found in thee  
No cause for cavil, sarcasm, keen critique;

'E'en Torrey's bitter pen could not assail,  
Nor Denry's chide, while Wilcox with him chimed;  
Your course found favour with the Press  
And Mail,  
And—best of all—the "dear departed"  
Times!

Punch, certainly, did whilom at your head,  
Hurl some rough chaffing, not in taste the best;  
But Toby has departed, Punch is dead,  
And so demeritis nisi, you know the rest.

Then there's our sinologues, the famous three,  
Legge, Morrison, and Williams; think of them;  
And Eitel too, our learned Ph.D.  
With hall and trade mark, without flaw,  
a gem.

Think of our Medicos, O'Brien, Ayres,  
(The big-wigs of the crowd if practice show it),  
Wharby and Young—were you not friends  
of theirs?

As well as Dr. George, our local post—  
Of old Virginius, who 'mongest Yanks holds sway,  
While Teuton favor, Clouth or Gerlach wins,  
Adams and Gye, the Nestors of the Bay  
Arcades angel—pathologic twins.

But why enlarge? I might increase the list  
Until I stretched out to the crack of doom,  
Legions I could enumerate, but hist!  
I don't believe the Mail can spare the room.

Think of us all, in globo, in a lump—  
I'm sure that's right, altho' my Latin's rusty  
And at conclusions I'm too apt to jump,  
Scribendi recte, pshaw! the proverb's musty.

Think of the Queen's Road, Clock Tower, City Hall,  
The gardens that with verdure long have  
girt you  
The Swimming Bath, the Market, Praya Wall,  
Those combinations of fine art and vertu.

Of all you saw, when as the daystar set,  
You wended Eastward for your evening jog,  
And by-the-by 'mong others don't forget,  
The peril of the wild pariah dog.

I think you won't forget us in a crack,  
But in your memory we may bide a-while,  
And we, I fear, will often wish you back,  
Makkee how good the coming man may be.

We had got used to you and you to us,  
And pulled together in the traces well,  
There was no creaking of the wheels, no fuss,  
But with a new yoke-fellow, who can tell.

I trust our new chief may turn out 3-star  
And prove the winning trump in every trick,  
But he has set him harder tasks by far  
In following you than you in following Dick.

We hope the best and when the time shall come  
That he like you shall elsewhere find relief  
The highest proof success to reckon from,  
Will be that parting we show equal grief.

God speed you, Arthur, in your new career,  
And grant you health, success and *kudus* too,  
And to your country long your labours spare,  
And make them worthy in our Sov'reign's view.

And may the lady whose pure matchless worth  
Has won our people, all His grace inspire;  
The heartiest wish one can but falter forth  
God bless the daughter and preserve the sire.

Australian Items.

We (Sydney Morning Herald) are informed by the hon. Colonial Secretary that a cypher message has been received by his Excellency the Governor from Lord Carnarvon, stating that Colonels Laffan and

Scratchley have been selected, in compliance with the wish of the colonies, expressed through his Excellency, to arrange for the military defence of the Australian colonies. A part of the message, it appears, was undecipherable, and it was not clear whether one or both of those officers was to be sent at the time mentioned. Colonel Laffan was sent out on a special mission to Ceylon, in 1866, while Sir Hercules Robinson was there, to arrange the military establishment and defenses of that colony. He is now Commanding Engineer at Gibraltar. Lieutenant-Colonel Scratchley is Director of Works at Woolwich Arsenal, and has the reputation of being an officer of great promise.

Sydney, Jan. 12.—Two girls of the Holden family—the sister having died from small-pox contracted from the *Brisbane*—have been removed to the hospital ship, they showing symptoms of the disease.

The return match has been commenced; eight runs were scored by the Englishmen in five wickets. The colonial bowling was splendid.

There is a general rainfall throughout the colony.

The entire re-organization of the colonial military forces has been ordered.

The All Innings are all out for 33 runs in the second innings for 4 wickets.

Sydney was down for 40 runs.

Melbourne, Jan. 12.—Bendy, the mate of the ship *Antelope*, has been arrested for causing the death of an apprentice, through falling from the mast head of the ship.

Mr. R. D. Ireland, the well-known barrister, is dead.

The Union Bank of Australia has declared a dividend of 10 per cent per annum.

Sydney, Feb. 5.—The cable conference is closed. Queensland was outvoted, and several resolutions were adopted, but the immediate result is probable that New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australian Governments will agree to the construction of a duplicate cable from Bangalore to Port Darwin, showing the best of construction on the basis of population. The Queensland delegates wanted a cable from Cape York to Singapore.

#### HONGKONG RACES, 1877.

The attendance at the Race Course today was fairly numerous, taking all things into consideration, the chilliness of the weather and the necessity for application to business after the three days' holidays. His Excellency the Governor accompanied by Miss Kennedy and Miss Banks

with some of our leading residents were among the number.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Monday, the 26th February, 1877.

1.—THE STRUTUP CUP, value \$160,—for all Ponies. Entrance \$5, to go to the Second Pony. To be handicapped by Mr Sheppard. One Mile.

Five ponies came forward viz: *Soldanella*, *Fei-Yen*, *The Raven*, *Twinkle* and *Pontiff*. *Soldanella* won by a length. *Twinkle* and *The Raven* took the lead at starting, and kept well together, with *Soldanella* a good third. This position was maintained till near the finish, when *Soldanella* came forward and won by a good length.—Time, 2 min. 16 sec.

*Soldanella* (D'Arnoux) 1  
*The Raven* (Nickells) 2  
*Twinkle* (Jenkins) 3

2.—THE COAST CUP, value \$200,—for all Horses. Entrance \$5, to go to the Second Horse. To be handicapped by Mr Sheppard. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

*Claymore*, *Boomerang*, *Jim Crow*, and *Driver*, ran for this Cup. After a little delay in starting they got away pretty well, *Driver* taking the lead, with *Claymore* and *Boomerang* close together after him. Passing the Stand *Driver* still kept the lead, with *Claymore* second and *Boomerang* third. This order was changed before reaching the Bridge, *Claymore* then having the lead, with *Boomerang* second; here the leader began to increase his distance, and literally ran away from the others, coming in hard held about 20 yards ahead; with *Driver* second. *Jim Crow* was left quite out of the Race.—Time, 2ms, 26secs.

*Claymore* (Dodd) 1  
*Driver* (Lindsell) 2  
*Boomerang* (D'Arnoux) 3

3.—THE MASATELO CUP, value \$200,—for all beaten



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**JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,**  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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 If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.  
 For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to  
**ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
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 Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

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 General Agents.  
 Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$5,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.  
**NORTON & Co.,**  
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 Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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**GILMAN & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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 Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.  
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 Life Department.  
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.  
 A Discount of 20% allowed.  
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 Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**  
 THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
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## Mails.

**STEAM FOR**  
 Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;  
 ALSO,  
 Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.  
 THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ZAMBESI, Captain SYMONS, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.  
 For further Particulars, apply to  
**A. MEIVER, Superintendent.**  
 Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mol

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 TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.  
 THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.  
 Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 2nd March. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.  
 Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.  
 For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.  
**G. B. EMORY, Agent.**  
 Hongkong, February 20, 1877. mol

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**  
**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
 THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.  
 THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA, will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.  
 Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.  
 A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.  
 At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.  
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